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THE OVERTHROW OF THE Scottish Army:

Or a Letter sent from *Lieutenant Generall CROMWELL* to the Committee of *Lancashire* sitting at MANCHESTER, shewing the utter Routing of the Scottish Forces.

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THE OVERTHROW OF THE *SCOTTISH ARMY.*

To the Committee of Lancaſhire, *ſitting at* MANCHESTER.

Gentlemen,

IT hath pleaſed God this day to ſhew a great mercy to this poor Kingdom, by making the Army ſucceſsfull againſt the common Enemy. We lay laſt night at Mr. *Sherbournes* of *Stonihurſt*, about Nine miles from

Preſton, which was within Three miles of the *Scots* Quarters,; we advanced betime the next morning towards *Preſton* with a deſire to engage the enemy, and by that time our Forlorne Hope had engaged the Enemy, wee were about Foure miles from *Preſton*, and thereupon we advanced with the whole Army, and the Enemy being drawne out upon a Moore, betwixt us and the Towne, the Armies on both ſides ingaged, and after a very ſharpe bout continuing for three or foure howres, it pleaſed God to inable us to give the Enemy a Defeat, which I hope we ſhall improve by Gods Aſſiſtance to their utter ruine. And in this Service your Countreymen had not the leaſt ſhare; wee cannot bee particular, having not

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time to take an account of the ſlain or Priſoners, but wee can aſſure you, we have many Priſoners, and many of thoſe of quality, and many ſlain, and the Army diſſipated; a Principall whereof with Duke *Hambleton* is on the South ſide of *Rible* and *Darwent* Bridges and wee lying with the greateſt part of the Army cloſe to them, nothing hindering the ruine of that part of the Enemies Army, but the night; it will bee our care that they ſhall not paſſe over any Ford beneath the Bridge to goe Northwards, nor to come over betwixt us and *Whaley*. We underſtand that three Companies of Colonell Generall *Aſhtons* are at *Whaly*, we have ſeven troops of Horſe and Dragoons, that we believe lye at or near *Clytherow*

this night; I have ſent Orders expreſly to them to march to *Whaley*, to joyn with thoſe Companies that you ſhall improve of your Countrey Forces towards the ruine of this Enemy; you perceive by this how things ſtand, to wit, the Enemy is broken, moſt of the Horſe being gone Northwards, and we having ſent a conſiderable party in the very heeles of them; and the Enemy having loſt almoſt all his Ammunition, and near 4000 Arms: ſo that the greateſt part of their Foot is naked. And therefore in order to this work, we deſire you to raiſe your Countrey, and improve your Forces for the totall ruine of that Enemy which way ſoever they go; and that you ſhall accordingly do your part, doubt not of their

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ruine: We thought to ſpeed this unto you, to the end you may not be troubled if they ſhall march to you, but improve your intereſt as aforeſaid; and that you may give glory to God for this unſpeakable mercy.

Auguſt 17. 1648.

From your very humble Servants,

Oliver Cromwell,
Ralph Aſhton.

Mr. *Winstanley*,

SInce the sealing up of my Letter, wee have more good newes come in to us. Yesterday upon *Standish-moor* they had a hot dispute, many slain and taken; some report at both fights neer four thousand slaine; they came running through *Wigan* in a bleeding condition; the Enemy is running through *Warington*, some skirmishing is still amongst them at *Goose-green*, and *Ashton*: we are sending out more Forces towards *Wigan* to helpe to beat the running Army, and catch them as they goe: This day is a glorious day in *Lancashire*; if you were in our County, you would rejoyce to see what a refreshing gale is come amongst us. I rest, Yours

Henry Mollineux.

Wee see it made good, That when Gods people are brought low by their oppressors, the Lord raiseth them up.

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